

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
October 25, 2006
Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Christopher Kueffner, Secretary,
Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa

Absent: Mary Feathers, John Thacher, Martha Kelly

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:34 by Mr. Simpson, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded Mr. Hamlin to approve the minutes of the 10/12/06 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- III. Hearing for visitors – None.
- IV. Communications – None, other than a letter in the packet from a parent.
- V. Additions to present agenda – None.
Committee reports - Mr. Simpson summarized the meeting of the Building Committee earlier at five o'clock, including a presentation of Mr. Bruce King of Quality Building Services. He requested that all Board members receive a copy of Dr. Jokubaitis' report. There was some discussion by members on how to insure that the project resulted in "green-building" design.
- VI. Report of the Superintendent
 - A. **Group Testing Report** – Mr. Baruzzi provided an overview of the Connecticut Mastery Test – Generation IV result, noting that, in general most of the students achieved or exceeded the state goal. He outlined several steps that are being taken to increase the number of students achieving the state goal in next year's test.
 - B. **Computer Safety** – Mr. Cryan, Ms Morrell and the elementary principals led an informal discussion of steps the schools have taken to reinforce the safe use of computers at home, as well as in school.
 - C. **Professional Development** – Dr. Schimmel reported on options now being considered by administrators for a new format for on-going, systematic, district-wide professional development. More discussion on this topic will be on the Board agenda before next year's school calendar is presented. He also reviewed efforts to engage the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut in a stronger clinical teaching relationship with the district.

- D. **2007 Board Meeting Calendar – MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. Bent, to approve the calendar as proposed. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- E. **Personnel – MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, second by Dr. Patwa, to approve the requests of Mss Zawodniak, Hurlock and Moore for maternity leave. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

The superintendent requested a brief Executive Session with the presence of Mr. Cryan and Ms Morrell to discuss a student matter.

VII. Hearing for Visitors – None

VIII. Suggestions for future agenda: Mr. Hamlin requested a report on school security following the reports that will be made by Trooper Cox, *et. al*, and other consultants to the Building Committee; Dr. Patwa ask for a progress report on the work of the new math and language arts consultants; and Mr. Kueffner asked for the effectiveness of the use of technology on student performance.

IX. **MOTION** – by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Bent, to move into Executive Session. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor at 9:14 p.m.

MOTION – by Mr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa, to move into open session at 9:25 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION – by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Ms Lin, to adjourn. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor, at 9:25 p.m.